

4. (Amended) The drink as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said mineral components are magnesium and calcium.

5. (Amended) The drink as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the weight ratio of magnesium to calcium (Mg/Ca) is adjusted to 4/1 to 1/3.

6. (Amended) The drink as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the weight ratio of magnesium to calcium (Mg/Ca) is adjusted to 3/1.

7. (Amended) The drink as claimed in Claim 1, which has a hardness of water of 100 to 3,000 as measured by the EDTA method.

8. (Amended) The drink as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the hardness of water is from 250 or 1,000.

9. (Amended) The drink as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising sugar or sour flavors for adjusting the taste.

10. (Amended) The drink as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said seawater subjected to desalinization is surface water.

11. (Amended) The drink as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said seawater subjected to desalinization is deep water.

12. (Amended) The drinks as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said seawater is deep water obtained at a depth greater than 100m.

13. (Amended) The drink as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said seawater is deep water obtained at a depth of 200 to 500m.

14. (Amended) A method for producing a drink, comprising the steps of:

collecting seawater;

separating the seawater into water and a concentrate by desalting; and

adding to said separated water either one of (i) the concentrate or (ii) water-soluble mineral components obtained from said concentrate or another seawater concentrate.

15. (Amended) The method for producing a drink as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the seawater is deep water obtained at a depth greater than 100m.

Please add the following claims:

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16. (New) The method for producing a drink as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the seawater is deep water obtained at a depth of 200 to 500m.
17. (New) The method for producing a drink as claimed in Claim 14, wherein said mineral components are magnesium and calcium.
18. (New) The method for producing a drink as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the magnesium and calcium are added to adjust the drink's weight ratio of magnesium to calcium (Mg/Ca) to 4/1 to 1/3.
19. (New) The method for producing a drink as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the weight ratio of magnesium to calcium (Mg/Ca) is adjusted to 3/1.
20. (New) The method for producing a drink as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the desalination is conducted to adjust the drink's hardness of water to 100 to 3,000 as measured by the EDTA method.
21. (New) The method for producing a drink as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the hardness of water is adjusted to 250 or 1,000.
22. (New) The method for producing a drink as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the seawater subjected to desalinization is surface water.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended solely in order to conform to U.S. practice. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE." Further, Claims 16-22 have been added without adding new matters. Additionally, the PCT reference has been added prior to the first line of the description according to U.S. practice. The amendments do not constitute the addition of any new matter to the specification. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the amendments, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.